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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED TO 19 YEARS IN
FEDERAL PRISON FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF GUN**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JAMES GILBERT, 28, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 235 months' imprisonment today by Chief U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his conviction at trial on April 27, 2005, for the unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

On August 16, 2004, Indianapolis police officers pulled over a vehicle for a traffic violation in the vicinity of 3400 N. Temple, Indianapolis. GILBERT was a passenger in the vehicle. After the driver of the vehicle was arrested on unrelated charges, GILBERT attempted to flee from the officers. As he ran, GILBERT threw a loaded .38 caliber on to the street. After GILBERT was apprehended, officers found a small quantity of crack cocaine and \$290 on his person. GILBERT has prior felony convictions for Sexual Battery, Robbery, and Criminal Confinement.

This case, which was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Indianapolis Police Department, was prosecuted as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative to reduce gun violence.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also sentenced GILBERT to 5 years' supervised release upon his release from prison.

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